

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 24, 2010 has been carefully considered.

Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 19-26 are pending in the application, with claims 12 and 16 and 20 being the only independent claims. The Examiner indicates that claims 12 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections, and claims 20-26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Although Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claims 12, 16 and 20 per the Examiner's suggestions to overcome the objections and 112, second paragraph rejection. In view of the amendments per the Examiner's suggestion to place in condition for allowance, Applicant requests allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner includes a statement of reasons for indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action dated November 24, 2010. However, Applicant believes that there are additional reasons for allowable subject matter not described by the Examiner, and should not be limited by the Examiner's statement.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set out above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Applicant includes a fee of \$130 with a request for a one-month extension of time for this communication. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required in this application, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 070845.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 070845.

Respectfully submitted,

William Kryger
Registration No. 53,163

Date: March 24, 2011

GE Healthcare
20225 Water Tower Blvd., Mail Stop W492
Brookfield, WI 53045
Telephone: 262-957-3791
Facsimile: 262-957-3810
Email: william.kryger@ge.com